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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al.

Application No.: 09/645,556

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: PHARMACEUTICAL
FORMULATIONS AND USE
THEREOF IN THE PREVENTION
OF STROKE, DIABETES AND/OR
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: M. Bahar

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Amendment

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 20, 2001. The period for response has been extended by three months to December 20, 2001, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and fee. Please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please also amend claims 4-15 and add new claim 18 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method of preventing congestive heart failure in a patient not previously having congestive heart failure and who has an essentially maintained heart function, comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of an inhibitor of the renin-angiotensin system.

5. (Amended) A method of claim 4, wherein the inhibitor of the renin-angiotensin system is an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, or an angiotensin II type 1 receptor antagonist.